

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheets include amendments to Figures 1A to 5B. These sheets replace the original sheet that includes Figures 1A to 5B. In Figures 1A to 5B, the legend “Related Art” has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-6, which were indicated to be patentable, are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent. Claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicant is entitled.

Applicant has amended the drawings and submits herewith a corrected drawing sheet.

The abstract, which was objected to due to informalities, has been amended, thereby obviating the objections.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 7, which was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,506,736 to Ota, has been canceled herein, obviating the rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED SHEET

FIG. 1A

RELATED ART

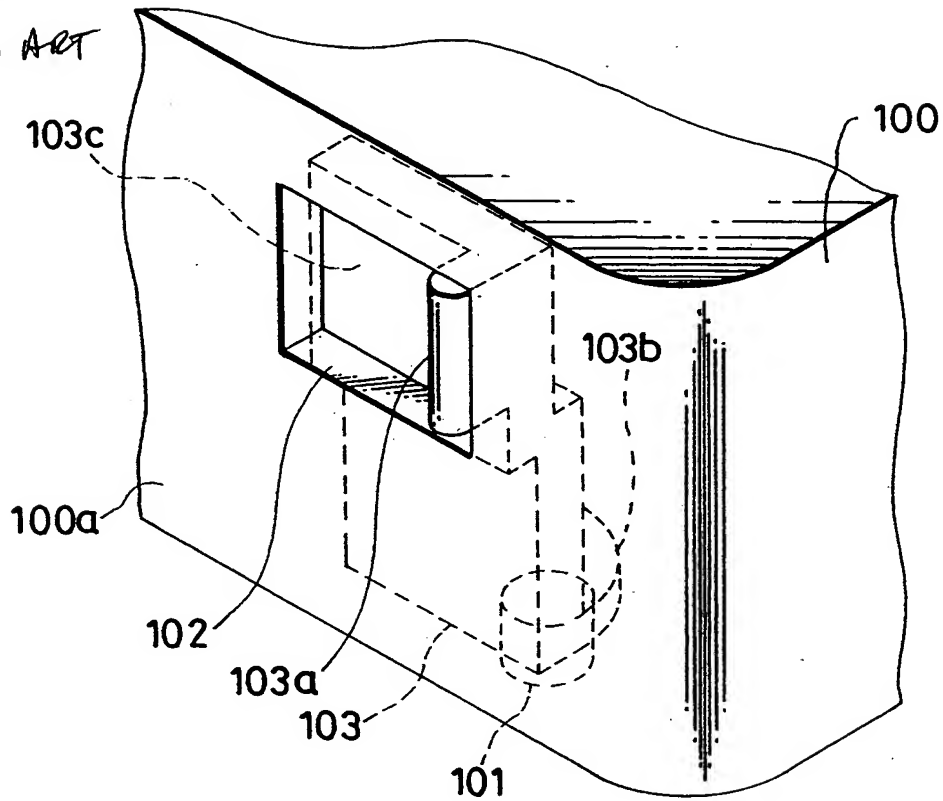


FIG. 1B

RELATED ART

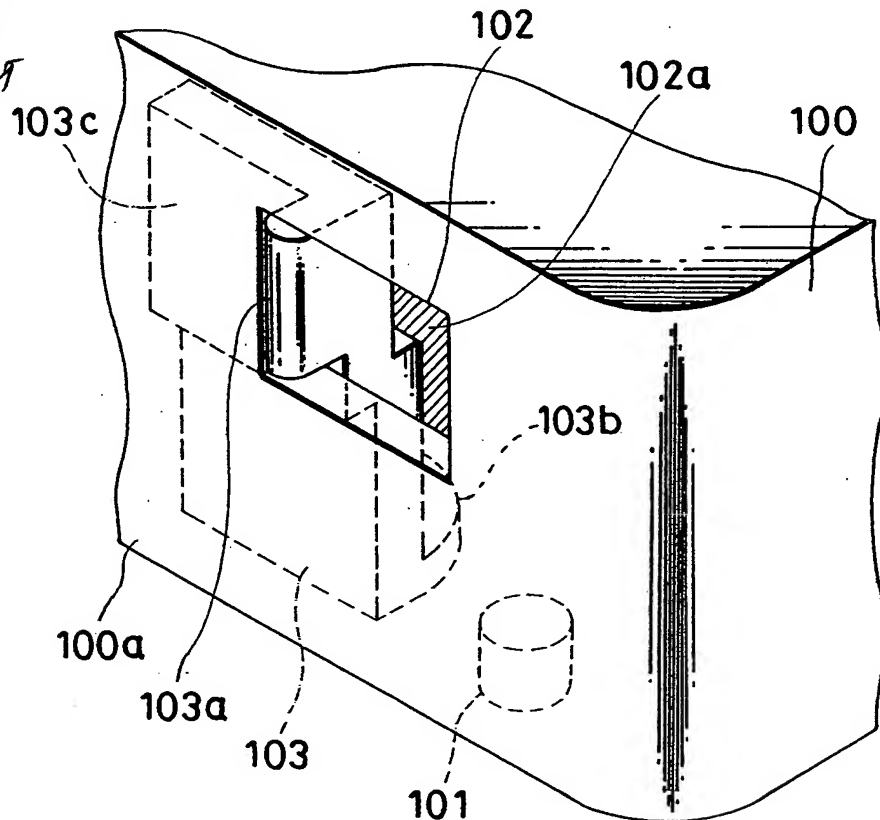


FIG. 2

RELATED ART

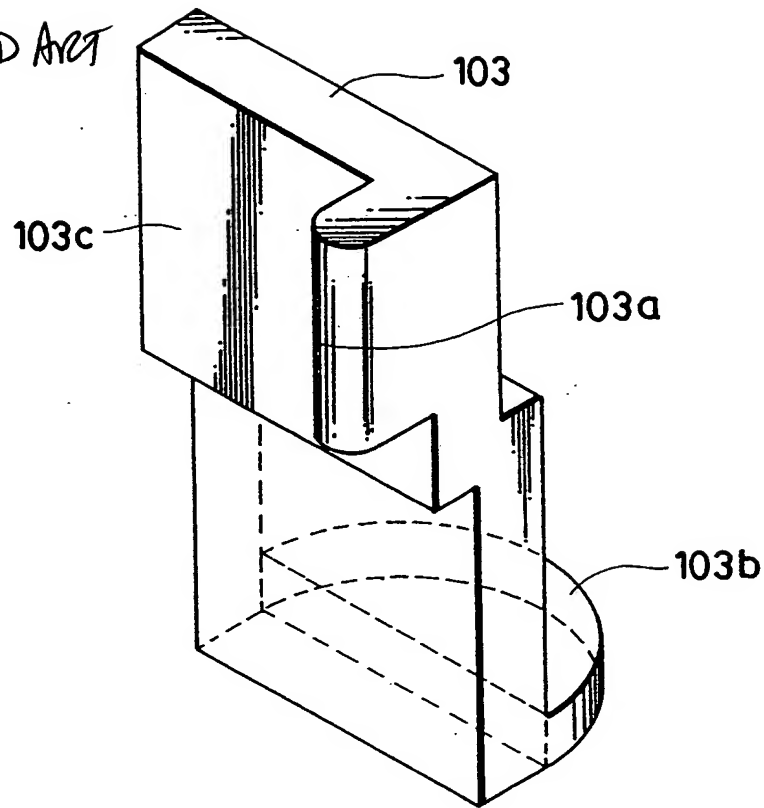


FIG. 3A

RELATED ART

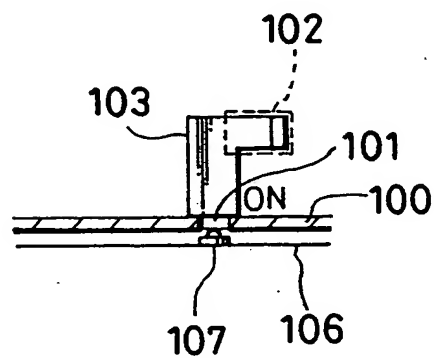


FIG. 3B

RELATED ART

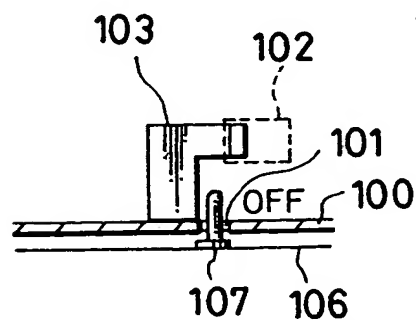


FIG. 4A

RELATED ART

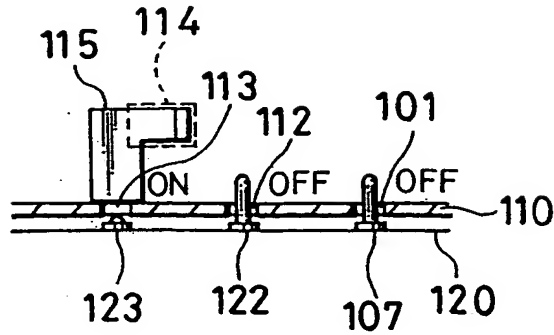
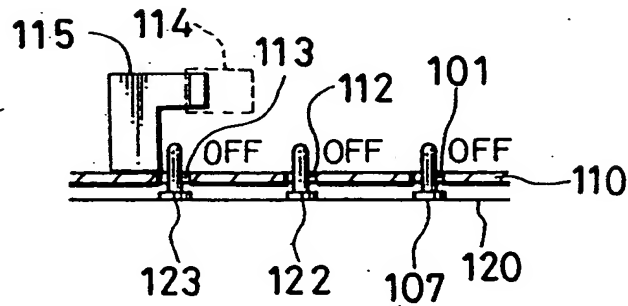


FIG. 4B

RELATED ART



New Format (Higher)

FIG. 5A

RELATED ART

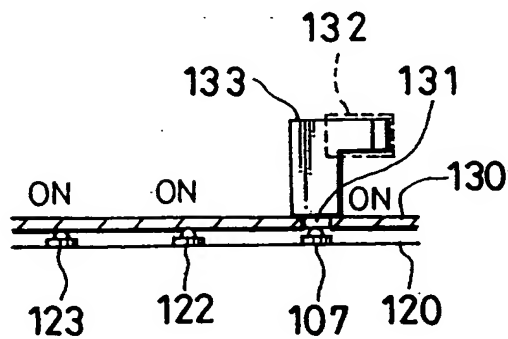
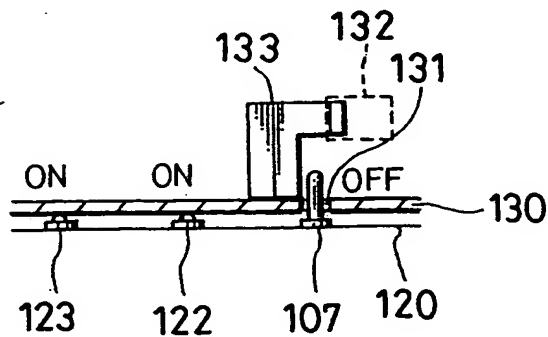


FIG. 5B

RELATED ART



Existing Format (Lower)